



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 625

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House Bill No. 6744

House of Representatives, May 2, 2005

The Committee on Judiciary reported through REP. LAWLOR of the 99th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING POCKET BIKES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) (a) For the purposes of
2 this section, "mini-motorcycle" means a vehicle, as defined in section
3 14-1 of the general statutes, that (1) has not more than three wheels in
4 contact with the ground, (2) has a seat on which the rider sits, (3) has a
5 seat height of twenty-five inches or less measured at the lowest point
6 on the top of the seat cushion without a rider, (4) is propelled by an
7 engine, (5) is capable of a speed in excess of thirty miles per hour, and
8 (6) is not eligible to be registered as a motor vehicle under section 14-
9 12 of the general statutes.
- 10 (b) No person shall operate a mini-motorcycle on any highway or
11 public sidewalk of this state.
- 12 (c) Violation of any provision of this section shall be an infraction.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	New section
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JUD *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 06 \$	FY 07 \$
Judicial Dept.	GF - Revenue Gain	56,250	75,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill makes the operation of a mini-motorcycle on any highway or public sidewalk of the state an infraction, which is punishable by a total amount due (including fees and costs) of between \$73 and \$132.¹ Revenue to the state's General Fund under the bill is estimated to be \$75,000 annually.

¹ In accordance with CGS Section 51-164m, the Judges of the Superior Court determine the base fine for any infraction, ranging from \$35 to \$90 per violation. Once the base fine is established, various statutory surcharges are added.

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING POCKET BIKES**SUMMARY:**

This bill makes it illegal to operate a mini-motorcycle on any highway or public sidewalk and designates this offense an infraction. The bill defines a "mini-motorcycle" as a vehicle, that

1. has three or fewer wheels in contact with the ground,
2. has a seat for the rider,
3. has a seat height of 25 inches or less measured at the lowest point on the top of the seat cushion without a rider,
4. is propelled by an engine,
5. is capable of going over 30 miles per hour, and
6. is not eligible to be registered as a motor vehicle.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2005

BACKGROUND***Related Bill***

SB 48, File 270, reported by the Transportation Committee, prohibits someone from operating or riding as a passenger on a mini-motorcycle or, as the owner of such a vehicle, allowing someone to operate or ride as a passenger on one on any highway, public sidewalk, or public property in the state. It also prohibits operation on private property not owned by the mini-motorcycle's operator or owner if the property owner's written permission is not in the operator's possession.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Report
Yea 40 Nay 0